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VRS PACKAGE IN HSCL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the H.S.C.L. worker especially Durgapur unit has not been paid thirty months salary ; and

(b) if so, the time by which VRS package or due salary is to be released to the workers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Due to acute financial crunch, payments to employees have been outstanding in several units of Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL).At Durgapur, salary has been outstanding for thirty months as the unit has not been able to generate sufficient revenues to enable payment of salaries.

(b) Government of India has approved extension of a guarantee in favour of HSCL to the tune of Rs.250 crores for raising funds from the banks to effect VRS aimed at separating 5000 employees.Government has also granted a financial assistance of Rs.89.44 crores to HSCL to partially clear outstanding wages and outstanding statutory dues.